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## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Rule 1.53(b) New Utility Application of Michael Stilgenbauer  
**"TURBINE UNIT AND VTG MECHANISM THEREFOR"**  
Atty. Ref: DKT02096

Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for filing a new utility application for U.S. Patent entitled **TURBINE UNIT AND VTG MECHANISM THEREFOR**.

We enclose a copy of the specification; claims, abstract and five (5) sheets of formal drawings.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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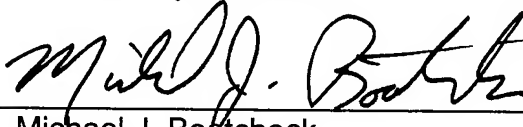
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Priority is claimed from August 26, 2002, based on European Application No. 02 018 295.2.

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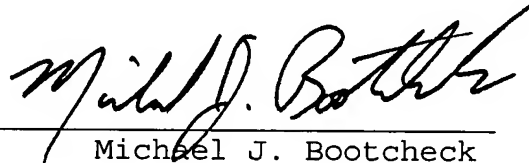
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